

# PROPOSED ORDINANCE

## ORDINANCE NO. 1053

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND, TO AMEND SECTION 9.2 OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION FOR "ROPES OR ADVENTURE COURSES" AND TO AMEND TABLE 1 "PERMITTED USES" BY ADDING AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN GC DISTRICT "PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES."

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and upon consideration of the staff of the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the comments made at a public hearing before the City Council, held on June 13, 2015, the City Council finds that the proposed amendment is needed to promote and protect the public's health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would establish as a special exception in the GC-General Commercial Zoning District "Privately owned and operated outdoor recreational facilities," and would create a definition for "Ropes or Adventure Courses;" and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed text amendment was held before the Planning & Zoning Commission on June 2, 2015, following which the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended that the proposed text amendment be approved; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed text amendment was held before the Commissioners of Cambridge on July 13, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Cambridge, that the City's Unified Development Code, is hereby amended as follows:

FIRST: Section 9.2 is amended by adding the following:

**Ropes or Adventure Courses: Land, facility and improvements including challenge course elements, zip lines, ropes course elements, canopy walk elements, hiking trails or biking trails to be used for or support outdoor recreational activities, team building exercises and/or adventure games occurring at the facility.**

SECOND:

Table 1 of "Permitted Uses" is hereby amended by adding "Ropes or Adventure Courses" within the category of "Privately Owned and Operated Outdoor Recreational Facilities," and making said use a permitted use as a Special Exception ("SE") within the GC-General Commercial zoning districts.

**AND BE IT FURTHER** enacted and ordained, that this Ordinance shall become effective on the tenth (10<sup>TH</sup>) day following the date of its adoption.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Mayor

Introduced the \_\_\_\_ day of **JULY, 2015**  
Adopted the \_\_\_\_ day of **AUGUST, 2015**  
Effective the \_\_\_\_ day of **AUGUST, 2015**